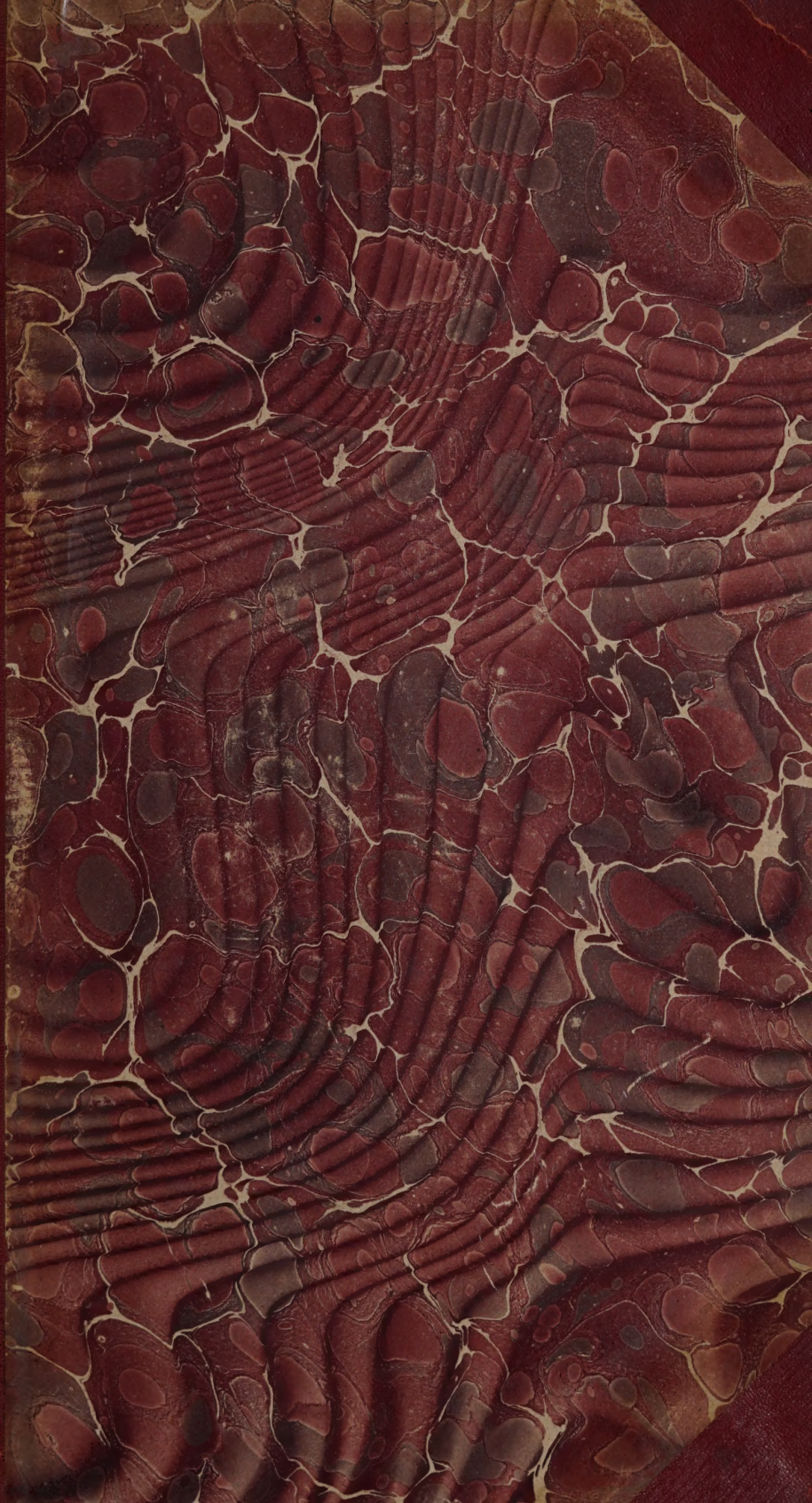




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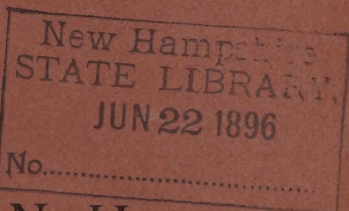
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VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1882.

Estate, personal and real,	\$558,735 00
270 polls, .	27,000 00
	\$585,735 00

Rate of taxation, \$1.16 per hundred dollars.

Amount required by law and vote of the town as follows:—

State tax,	\$1376 00
County tax,	1005 47
Schools,	1800 00
Ordinary town charges,	2500 00
Town library and care of same,	35 00
Percentage,	82 09
Dogs,	54 00
	\$6852 56

ORDERS ISSUED.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

E. A. Huntley, services as selectman,	\$100 00
E. A. Huntley, " " moderator,	3 00
C. S. Egerton, " " selectman,	85 00
Andrew Morrison, " " selectman,	55 00
Fred J. Marvin, " " town clerk,	25 00
E. A. Turner, " " treasurer,	45 00
A. R. Emerson, " " auditor,	2 00
H. A. Lovell, " " auditor,	2 00
John F. Dickey, " " supervisor,	4 00
A. S. Thurston, " " supervisor,	4 00
Aiken Gilmore, " " supervisor,	4 00

H. A. Lovell, for board of education,	6 00
S. T. Smith, return of births and deaths,	3 50
J. Ryder, driving hearse in full to March 1, 1882,	5 00
John Hopkins, care of town hall,	1 00
F. J. Marvin, recording and returning births, marriages and deaths,	7 15
W. R. Howard, expenses to Keene, invoice book, etc.,	8 67
Asa Holden, tax for 1881, refunded by vote of town,	8 16
Samuel Powers, coffin straps for Alstead Centre,	4 00
Edgerton & Marvin, nails, glass, putty, etc.,	4 53
L. K. Osborne, abatement of tax for watering trough,	2 00
Willard R. Hale, abatement of tax,	2 32
A. N. Swain, printing town reports,	20 00
F. J. Marvin, recording deaths not before received,	2 00
C. S. Angier, ballot boxes,	1 00
I. H. Burrows, setting glass in hall,	1 00
H. S. Weeks, team for commissioners,	1 50
I. B. Newman, abatement of poll tax,	1 16
W. R. Howard, paid J. Q. Jones for surveying town lines,	4 75
E. A. Turner, expenses to Keene, postage, etc.,	4 47
John F. Dickey, services as moderator and paid for check lists,	4 20
S. H. Porter, abatement of tax J. Emerson estate,	1 16
H. P. Ware, setting tire on hearse and bolts,	2 00
J. Ryder, driving hearse in part,	10 00
T. Tufts, bill of nails, 1880,	44
Roscoe E. Gates, abatement of tax for watering trough,	1 50
J. S. Walker, abatement of tax for 2 watering troughs,	4 50
W. D. Holt, abatement of tax,	1 16
George A. Mayo, services as school committee,	52 00
Egerton & Marvin, care of library,	10 00
E. A. Turner, cash paid for stationery, postage, etc.,	2 35
E. M. Smith, abatement of taxes,	7 67
E. M. Smith, services as collector,	75 00

\$589 19

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Geo. E. Newman, breaking roads before March 1, 1882,	\$ 10 32
James D. Smith, " " " " " "	6 61
L. G. Thurston, " " " " " "	2 04
Charles Washburn, " " " " " "	5 96
F. W. Clark, " " " " " "	2 04
Wm. C. Shepard, " " " " " "	1 44
Oliver P. Cross, " " " " " "	3 46
Austin E. Smith, " " " " " "	4 50
W. Goodhue, " " " " " "	1 44
W. O. Blake, " " " " " "	3 60
Stephen Slade, breaking roads and working N. R. highway taxes,	18 96
E. P. Kidder, lumber for bridge,	9 48
John P. Kemp, cash paid lumber for bridge,	6 00
L. K. Osborne, cash paid lumber for bridge,	3 50
L. A. Barras, work on highway, 1881 and 1882,	4 20
A. M. Bragg, work on highway, 1881,	9 65
F. O. Cady, work on highway,	6 00
A. E. Angier, work on highway,	10 00
Reuben Washburn, work on highway,	2 10
George Pratt, work on highway,	5 32
Andrew Morrison, work on highway, and cash paid,	114 09
W. R. Howard, work on highway, lumber, and cash paid,	107 84
E. P. Kidder, building new road,	20 00
O. F. Tinker, breaking roads, January, 1882,	2 16
W. O. Blake, work on bridge and highway,	5 75
Stephen Slade, work on highway,	13 00
J. P. Forristall, lumber,	20 20
E. P. Hatch, work on highway, and lumber,	14 00
J. S. Walker, bill of timber,	3 47
Milan F. Greene, bridge timber, and work,	4 65
L. K. Osborn, working N. R. highway taxes,	3 03
James A. Lindsley, working N. R. highway taxes,	6 44
Stephen Slade, working N. R. highway taxes,	11 60

Amasa Holt, breaking roads, 1883,	3 00
C. H. Lucas, " " "	7 08
S. J. Carter, " " "	2 22
Jones Caldwell, " " "	5 52
W. D. Holt, " " "	3 50
Oliver P. Cross, " " "	6 72
P. B. Tuttle, " " "	2 88
George Pratt, " " "	11 50
F. A. Balster, " " "	3 48
Stephen Slade, " " "	4 90
Andrew E. Angier, " " "	3 96
James A. Browne, " " "	1 50
G. G. Banks, lumber,	4 58
	\$503 69

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Dist. No. 1, Arthur Bowman, committee,	\$ 83 79
2, Lewis O. Clough, "	131 00
3, Mrs. Helen S. Holt, "	122 42
4, Henry A. Lovell, "	426 00
5, W. C. Shephard, "	190 00
6, F. E. Ellis, "	98 28
7, George E. Carter, "	122 81
8, C. A. Messer, "	107 93
9, Levi Britton, "	125 35
10, George E. Newman, "	93 45
11, Willard R. Hale, "	105 00
12, F. P. H. Lyman, "	124 29
13, George A. Lakin, "	98 28
Union Dist., F. McLaughlin, "	50 00
	\$1878 60

TOWN PAUPERS.

C. E. Willson, house rent to May 1, 1882,	20 00
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COUNTY PAUPERS.

Mehitable Miller,	52 00
Emerson children,	52 00
W. & P. Horton,	114 25
S. D. Gee,	46 40
C. S. Angier, coffin and robe for S. D. Gee,	13 00
Andrew Morrison, paid funeral expenses S. D. Gee,	4 25
S. T. Smith, medical attendance on paupers,	7 00
E. A. Turner, expense taking James Williams to almshouse,	3 60
	\$292 50

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

L. K. Osborn, repairs house, Dist. No. 10,	\$22 00
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DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Azel Hatch, sheep killed by dogs, paid,	\$ 6 00
Lyman Chandler, sheep killed by dogs, unpaid,	12 50
George A. Messer, sheep killed by dogs unpaid,	2 50
Levi Britton, sheep killed by dogs, unpaid,	10 00
Alfred Watkins, sheep killed by dogs, unpaid,	8 00
Alfred Partridge, sheep killed by dogs, unpaid,	4 00
	\$43 00

TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST.

Sylvester Burroughs, interest,	\$ 18 00
Mrs. Augusta Chandler, note and interest,	512 50
Mrs. Nancy Tarball, note and interest,	1025 00
	\$1555 50

BOUNTY ON CROWS.

Andrew Morrison, cash paid for bounty on 100 crows,	\$10 00
W. R. Howard, " " " " " 40 "	4 00
E. A. Turner, " " " " " 48 "	4 80
Almyr J. Shephard, " " " " " 12 "	1 20
	\$20 00

TOWN LIBRARY.

M. C. Ladd, repairing 30 books,	\$ 5 50
C. R. Thoburn, bill books,	5 50
Miss A. Mathews, 1 book,	1 25
George H. Tilden & Co., bill books,	25 02
Mrs. J. M. Weaver, use of book-case,	1 00
	\$38 27

RECAPITULATION.

Orders for ordinary town charges,	\$589 19
" " highways and bridges,	503 69
" " support of schools,	1878 60
" " county paupers,	292 50
" " town paupers,	20 00
" " school-school house repairs,	22 00
" " town notes and interest,	1555 50
" " damage by dogs,	43 00
" " bounty on crows,	20 00
" " town library,	38 27
	\$4962 75

RECEIPTS.

Cash reported in treasury, March 1, 1882,	\$1403 24
Eunice Cheever note,	100 00
Cash of J. Ryder, use of hearse out of town,	2 50

J. D. Smith, over paid account before March 1, 1882,	5 00
County pauper claim,	319 01
Cash borrowed July 1, 1882,	1500 00
State bounty on crows,	17 70
Savings bank tax,	1332 96
Literary fund,	96 60
Warrant to E. M. Smith, collector,	6852 56
“ “ “ school Dist. No. 2,	155 62
“ “ “ “ “ “ 10,	23 16
Non-resident highway taxes,	35 46
Interest on taxes,	20 83
Taxes added after invoice,	6 03
Orders for damage by dogs, unpaid,	37 00
Cash received from sale of lumber,	1 52
	\$11,909 19

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders issued previous to March 1, 1882,	\$ 21 00
“ county tax,	1005 47
“ state tax,	1376 00
“ town bonds,	2300 00
“ coupons attached to bonds,	69 00
“ “ due January 1, 1881,	9 00
“ “ “ July 1, 1881,	9 00
“ “ “ January 1, 1882,	58 50
“ “ “ July 1, 1882,	223 50
“ “ “ January 1, 1883,	198 00
Orders issued since March 1, 1882,	4962 75
Eunice Cheever note,	100 00
Cash in treasury March 1, 1883,	1576 97
	\$11,909 19

INDEBTEDNESS, 1883.

Town notes,	\$ 300 00
Town bonds,	8150 00
Interest on town bonds March 1, 1883,	81 50
Due school districts,	95 45
Due school Dist. No. 2, tax assessed,	150 00
Due town library,	11 73
Fund from Kingsbury estate,	606 60
Orders unpaid,	37 00
	\$9432 28

ASSETS.

Eunice Cheever note,	\$ 124 00
Due from county on pauper claim,	84 35
Cash in treasury March 1, 1883,	1576 97
	\$1785 32
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1883,	7646 96
	\$9432 28
Balance of Indebtedness March 1, 1882,	9970 63
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1883,	7646 96
Reduction of indebtedness the past year,	\$2323 67

The undersigned, a board of auditors chosen by the Town of Alstead, to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the accounts of the Selectmen properly cast and balanced and with proper vouchers therefor.

HENRY A. LOVELL, } *Auditors of Accts. for*
A. R. EMERSON, } *the Town of Alstead.*

March 2, 1883.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1883.

State tax,	\$1376 00
County tax,	1005 47
School tax,	1800 00
Ordinary town charges, debt and interest,	2500 00
Repairing highway and bridges,	1200 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HOWARD,

E. A. TURNER

ANDREW MORRISON,

} *Selectmen*
 of
 } *Alstead.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

DISTRICT No. 1. Winter term.—Miss Katie M. Fisher, teacher. Length of school 12 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4.5; tardiness, 6; visits, 12. The school appeared quite well, and the work of the term was evidently well performed.

DISTRICT No. 2. Summer term.—Miss Annie F. Garrity, teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10; tardiness, 0; visits, 16. Second term.—Same teacher. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 16; tardiness, 0; visits 20. Miss Garrity in this her first experience as a teacher, brought the same careful devotion to her work that she had shown as a pupil. The result was a prosperous school, except in the number of absences.

DISTRICT No. 3. Summer term.—Miss Nellie M. Beckwith, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9.5; tardiness, 7; visits; 22. The school was well managed and a good work accomplished. Winter term.—Mr. Fred G. Hatch, teacher. Length of school, 12.6 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8.78; tardiness, 21; visits, 17. The creditable appearance made at the end of the term indicated a successful school.

DISTRICT No. 5. Summer term.—Miss Mary E. Alden, teacher. Length of school, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 17;

average attendance, 16.76; tardiness, 8; visits, 10. Fall term.—Same teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 16.93; tardiness, 20; visits, 19. These schools were well ordered, and satisfactory results were obtained. Winter term.—Miss Dora A. Wyman, teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 26.84; tardiness, 179; visits, 23. A pleasant and progressive school. More instances of tardiness are reported for this term than for all other schools during the entire year.

DISTRICT No. 6. Summer term.—Miss Alice M. Elliott, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 10; tardiness, 0; visits, 21. Fall term.—Same teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 11.3; tardiness, 0; visits, 19. Without previous experience in teaching, Miss Elliott performed her duties acceptably.

DISTRICT No. 7. Summer term.—Miss Ethel M. Porter, teacher. Length of school 8.8 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance 10; tardiness, 4; visits, 23. A certain degree of progress was made, but order was too much neglected. Fall term.—Miss Lizzie E. L. Alden, teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 11.4; tardiness, 4; visits, 14. This was a prosperous term. The number of names upon the roll of honor attests an interest on the part of scholars and parents.

DISTRICT No. 8. Summer term.—Miss Effie M. Taylor, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8.54; tardiness, 5; visits, 13. Fall term.—Same teacher. Length of school, 16.5 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9.2; tardiness, 6; visits, 10. The school suffered from irregular attendance whereby interest is always impaired. The progress of some of the scholars was, however, very good.

DISTRICT No. 9. Winter term.—Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 4; average attendance, 3.8; tardiness, 4; visits, 5. Miss Effie M. Taylor was employed to teach, but not being able to commence at the desired time, Miss Emma

J. Britton took charge of the school for five weeks, after which Miss Taylor continued it to the close. We did not receive notice in season to attend the examination, but from the appearance during the term, think good improvement was made.

DISTRICT No. 10. Summer term.—Miss Sadie L. Duncklee, teacher. Length of school, 8.8 weeks; number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 5; tardiness, 0; visits, 19. Fall term.—Same teacher. Length of school, 12.8 weeks; number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6; tardiness, 5; visits, 18. From the appearance of the school at the close of each term it was evident that it had been successfully directed.

DISTRICT No. 11. Summer term.—Miss Nora M. Allen, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7.8; tardiness, 12; visits, 23. The result of this term was a fair degree of improvement, but more energy was needed to make it entirely satisfactory. Fall term.—Commenced by Miss Nora M. Allen who, on account of sickness, retired at the end of three weeks. The remainder of the term was under the instruction of Miss Carrie Hardy, whose labors were attended with increased interest and satisfaction. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8.9; tardiness, 27; visits, 14.

DISTRICT No. 12. Summer term—Miss May E. Farnum. Length of school, 5.8 week; number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7; tardiness, 5; visits, 22. A fair degree of progress was made. Fall term—Miss Lizzie A. Brown, teacher. Length of school, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8.8; tardiness, 5; visits, 5. Winter term—Same teacher. Length of school, 7.6 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4.6; tardiness, 5; visits, 11. Both fall and winter terms were well taught and well governed.

DISTRICT No. 13. Summer term.—Miss Lizzie A. Clark, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 5; tardiness, 0; visits, 22. Winter term—Same teacher. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 5.84; tardiness, 0; visits, 32. In the record of attendance this was the banner school; during the first

term there was neither absence, tardiness or dismissal. The teacher was faithful and untiring in her work, and the scholars studious and obedient.

Number of scholars between five and fifteen years of age as reported by the selectmen, 181—boys 112, girls 69.

So large a percentage of our schools have so few scholars that the consolidation of districts, whenever practicable, should receive consideration as a matter of financial and educational economy.

Attention is again called to the insufficiency of the black-board supply; at a trifling cost this evil can be permanently remedied. Oral instruction upon miscellaneous topics has been an important feature, a mode of instruction especially recommended, since it gives agreeable and necessary variety to school-room exercises.

The general school work has been more satisfactory than that of the previous year. For the first time in our experience, registers have been promptly returned. Much of the unnecessary fault-finding of years past has been wisely abandoned. Danger signals erected by faithlessness have not stayed the wheels of progress.

NUMBER OF PUPILS STUDYING THE DIFFERENT
BRANCHES.

Summer Schools.												
Districts.....	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Reading	12	10	17	11	11	9		6	8	8	5	
Spelling.....	12	8	17	10	11	9		6	8	8	5	
Penmanship	8	6	12	5	9	7		6	6	7	4	
Arithmetic	9	8	14	7	11	6		6	6	8	4	
Geography... ..	2	5	12	3	3	3		5	6	4	3	
Grammar	1	1	2	0	0	1		0	2	4	2	
History.	0	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	3	0	
Higher Branches	0	0	4	0	0	0		0	0	2	0	
Fall and Winter Schools.												
Reading	5	19	9	28	12	14	11	4	7	9	5	6
Spelling.....	5	19	9	28	12	13	11	4	6	9	5	6
Penmanship	5	12	9	21	7	12	7	2	6	9	5	6
Arithmetic	5	15	9	27	8	10	9	2	6	9	5	5
Geography	4	5	4	14	5	0	5	0	6	5	4	4
Grammar	2	1	1	11	0	0	3	1	0	4	1	2
History.....	2	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
Higher Branches	2	0	0	7	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0

ROLL OF HONOR

Names of scholars who have not been absent or tardy for a full term, two terms in *italic*, three in small capitals.

DISTRICT No. 1. Stella M. Slade.

No. 2. *Lizzie O. Garrity, Carrie E. Garrity, Jennie H. Wiggins*, Lela A. Porter.

No. 3. *Agnes L. Slade, Fred W. Coleman, Ralph W. Slade*, Henrietta Smith.

No. 5. MERRILL J. WILDER, Roy C. Linsley, Charles E. Porter, George E. Porter, MATTIE E. HILLS, BERTHA M. LINSLEY, Rosie L. Pratt, Eddie A. Mitchell, Mary E. Cross.

No. 6. *Angie M. Greene, Myrtie A. Moultrope*, Cleon R. Demerse, *Chester W. Demerse, Fred B. Willard*, Arthur W. Ellis, Charles H. Greene, Jay E. Greene.

No. 7. *James H. Cater*, James F. Cady, Levi E. Cady, Willie W. Clark, Cynthia A. Cater, Mary S. Cater, Mary E. Cady.

No. 8. *Nettie S. Morrison*.

No. 9. Emma J. Britton.

No. 10. Willie J. Kidder, Charlie Wellman.

No. 12. *Eugene P. Lyman*, Fred W. Messer, Carrie M. Lyman, Hattie A. Nash.

No. 13. *Roscoe P. Clark, G. Duaine Clark, Susie A. Clark, Bertha L. Clark*, Lora A. Washburn.

At the opening of the summer schools, a request was made of scholars studying geography, to draw maps of New Hampshire, with the understanding that the names of those producing the best would be made public. The committee chosen to decide upon their merits report as follows:

First class—1st, *Nettie S. Morrison*; 2d, *Agnes L. Slade*; 3d, *Roscoe P. Clark*; 4th, *Fred W. Colman*.

Second class—1st, Angie M. Greene ; 2d, G. Duaine Clark ; 3d, Susie A. Clark ; 4th, Jennie E. Hodskins.

Maps of the United States—1st, Nettie S. Morrison ; 2d, Carrie M. Lyman.

With one exception all the above names are found upon the Roll of Honor What is the lesson ?

The number of times each pupil has been absent or tardy, for the year, will be found below. Some scholars have attended school in different districts ; others have entered late in the term or withdrawn before its close. In such cases an equitable adjustment has been attempted.

Silas R. Angier 8, Edwin S. Bowman 8, Fred W. C. Slade 8, Norman H. Slade 5, Stella M. Slade 0, Lizzie O. Garrity 0, Carrie E. Garrity 0, Grace E. Chandler 21, Eva M. Nash 26*, Mabel H. Nash 20*, Lela A. Porter 4, Jennie H. Wiggins 0, Avis E. Nash 65*, Hettie B. Porter 6, George H. Fisher 8, Henry Porter 5, Sidney S. Pratt 10, Edna M. Wiggins 7, Ada M. Wiggins 15*, Leslie H. Chandler 13, Willie W. Pratt 6, Newell H. Porter 7, George E. Pratt 9, Willie Porter 5, H. J. Pratt 9, Fred W. Colman 0, Willie H. Pratt 35, George A. Smith 8, Ralph W. Slade 0, Fred E. Greene 1, Grace M. Pratt 11, Agnes L. Slade 0, R. M. Smith 3, Henrietta Smith 1, Mary J. Smith 3, Gertie E. Smith 2, Lelia D. Hopkins 3, Mattie E. Hills 0, L. L. Pratt 25, Rosa L. Pratt 22, Lena L. Smith 8, Bertha M. Linsley 0, Mary E. Cross 2, Mabel H. Gibson 10, Gertie J. Porter 8, Jennie G. Emerson 30, Etta D. Jefts 8, Lillie Wilder 2, Eddie Shepard 17*, Merrill J. Wilder 1, Charles H. Porter 4, Charlie Emerson 44, Ray C. Linsley 10, George E. Porter 7, Herman E. Smith 18, Raymond Jefts 23, Fred H. Pratt 26*, Frank O. Cross 1, Lucius P. Cross 6, George H. Greene 4, Eddie Mitchell 0, George E. Pratt 17, Perley S. Rice 5, W. W. Wilder 4, Walter J. Linsley 1, Cleon R. Demerse 1, Chester Demerse 0, Arthur W. Ellis 5, Charles H. Greene 2, Jay E. Greene 3, Den L. Greene 9, Harlie Moulthrop 4, Bertie F. Pitcher 6, Fred B. Willard, No. 6, 0, No. 5, 8 ; Angie M. Greene 0, Myrtie Moulthrop 0, James F. Cady 12, Levi E. Cady 1, James H. Cater 0, Herman D. Clark 2, Willie W. Clark 3, Bertie E. Gates 14, Jessie C

Gates 18, Mary E. Cady 2, Lenna Cater 2, Mary S. Cater 1, Jna. A. Mason 7, Bertha M. Clark 1, Lola A. Cady 11, Cynthia A. Cater 40*, Celia M. Austin 5, Nettie S. Morrison 0, Mary A. Russell 12, Proctor A. Austin 55*, Frank A. Kidder 5, Fred M. Wilson 35, Walter E. Wilson 40, Charlie J. Parker 26*, Harry J. Caldwell 32, Fred B. Isham 13*, Bert S. Carter 17, Rose M. Curtis 14, Emma J. Britton No. 9, 0, No. 8, 15*; Prentiss L. Britton 3, Ernest W. Burroughs 2, Emma B. Burroughs 16, Willie J. Kidder 0, Willie R. Leonard 16, Leon M. Osborne 8, Henry C. Osborne 17, Charlie Wellman 1, John R. Wellman 30*, Hattie K. Smith 5, Lula E. Smith 6, Marion J. Taylor 12, Arthur Beckwith 4, Clarence Smith 4, Alfred Smith 5, Eddie Royce 9, Charlie Ingalls 7, Charlie J. Mead cannot be determined from the register, Sarah A. Hodskins 59*, Jennie E. Hodskins 43*, Emily M. Hodskins 43*, Carrie M. Lyman 3, Hattie A. Nash 6, Eugene P. Lyman 4, Eugene E. Hodskins 54*, Frank O. Nash 49*, Fred W. Messer 25*, Roscoe P. Clark 0, G. Duaine Clark 0, Susie A. Clark 0, Bertha L. Clark 0, Lora A. Washburn 8, Herbert W. Greene 4.

We take the above from the school registers. Those marked with a * are due partially to leaving school before the close of the term. Although instances of absence and tardiness have probably not exceeded the average of former years, the way is open for improvement.

Our system of education is devised for the good of the people; it commends itself to our earnest and hearty support; it opens an alluring avenue by which every youth in the land may advance to greater usefulness and more abiding happiness; it promotes individual and public good and dignifies American citizenship.

But of what use is the *system* if the young neglect its blessings? Shall there be a reward without an effort, a harvest without a seed time? Of what avail is the plough while it rusts in the store-room, or the sword while retained in the scabbard? What profiteth all the latent energies of the young if not brought into contact with the force that sets them free? In the light of the foregoing figures let the answer be *practical* and decisive. More

than a thousand days,—more than two weeks for every person attending school,—more than three years for a single scholar—
Lost.

How much of this was unavoidable through sickness and other causes,—how much was due to indifference and neglect,—and how much to willful perversity are vital questions.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. MAYO, Supt. of Schools.

REPORT, DISTRICT No. 4.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Abbie Rabbe. This was Miss Rabbe's third term in this school. She discharged her duties with commendable firmness and fidelity, and the school made good progress.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Mrs. M. M. Joslin. Mrs. Joslin is a teacher of long experience and the fall term was an entire success.

The winter term was not as satisfactory in its results as we could wish, owing to the unwillingness of some members to bear proper restraint which might, perhaps, have been overcome or remedied if the teacher had been more determined to enforce obedience to her requirements at first appearance. It is not to be wondered at, however, that the best efforts of the best teachers are in a measure counteracted when a young man so far demeans himself as to violate all the obligations of common decency and propriety in the school room or among his mates. Such conduct has an influence, and it behooves parents to so instruct their children that they will despise and condemn such conduct rather than applaud or emulate it. You have a duty to perform in this matter which cannot be transferred to other hands, nor its responsibility evaded without producing disastrous results to the welfare of your children and the whole community.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Nellie M. Fiske. Miss Fiske has taught in this department several terms, and has real genuine love for her work and for those under her charge, which is fully reciprocated by her pupils. This makes her peculiarly adapted for teaching young children.

The winter term was taught by Miss Nellie M. Beckwith. Under her charge the school was kept in good order and made good progress.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First term.—Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 27. Average number of scholars, 25. Average daily attendance, 23. Number of scholars not absent, 8. Number of visits, 21. Roll of Honor. Florence Lovell, Addie Thayer, Mabel Turner.

Second term.—Length of school, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 29. Average number of scholars, 28. Average daily attendance, 27. Number of scholars not absent, 11. Number of visits, 22. Roll of Honor. Effie E. Green, Lelia D. Hopkins, Lottie F. Sage, Minnie N. Sartwell, Addie M. Thayer, Mabel E. Turner, Gertrude A. Way, Binnie F. Ware, Frank F. Elwell, Walter T. Rogers, Willie H. Wetherbee.

Third term.—Length of school, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average number of scholars, 22. Average daily attendance, 21. Number of scholars not absent, 7. Number of visits, 29. Roll of Honor. Effie E. Green, Florence M. Lovell, Mabel E. Ryder, Lottie F. Sage, Mabel E. Turner, Gertrude A. Way, Lester E. Gove.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

First term.—Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 32. Average Number of scholars, 30. Average daily attendance, 28. Number of scholars not absent, 8. Number of visits, 41. Roll of Honor. Mary E. Chapin, Mary D. Cady, Alice E. Prentiss, Albertie L. Wilder, Charlie W. Rogers, Arthur W. Shepard, Edwin O. Turner, J. Walton Ware.

Second term.—Length of school, 9 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average number of scholars. 21. Average daily attendance, 20. Number of scholars not absent, 6. Number of visits, 22. Roll of Honor. Albertie L. Wilder, Alice E. Prentiss, Robert W. Lovell, Edwin O. Turner, Harry A. Cook, Arthur W. Shepard.

Third term.—Length of school 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 26. Average number of scholars, 24. Average daily attendance, 23. Number of scholars not absent, 8. Number of visits, 45. Roll of Honor. Belle E. Jennings, Mary E. Chapin, Alice E. Prentiss, Albertie L. Wilder, Mary Tourtellott, Harry A. Cook, John D. Angier, Arthur W. Shepard.

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